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This Amendment is submitted in response to the November 20, 2000 Office Action issued by the United States Patent Office in connection with the above-identified application. The time period for responding to the November 20, 2000 Office Action was set to expire three months therefrom, i.e. by February 20, 2001. Applicant is filing herewith a Petition for a three month extension of time for responding to the November 20, 2000 Office Action. With a three month extension, a response to the November 20, 2000 Office Action would have been due on May 20, 2001. However, since May 20, 2001 was a Sunday, a response is not due until the next business day, i.e. today, May 21, 2001, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-indicated application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 20, 21, 23, and 24 without prejudice. Applicant will file a divisional patent application claiming priority of the present application to pursue the subject matter of claims 20, 21, 23, and 24.

Please replace previous claims 18 and 25 with the following claims 18 and 25 (applicant is submitting herewith as Appendix A, according to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.21(b)(1)(iii), a version of the previous claims 18 and 25 marked-up to show all the changes relative to the replacement claims below):